

From
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S. M. Pr. Mint,
New Orleans.
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U S B Mint New Orleans
January 4th 1839

Sir

I have to state in answer to your letter of the 19th ult. that there have been deposited for Coinage in this B. Mint ³⁴⁰⁶¹³ ~~three thousand one hundred and eighty two~~ ⁹⁸⁹/₁₀₀₀ ounces of Standard Gold Bullion ^{237,000} and two hundred ²²/₁₀₀ and three thousand six hundred and eighty eight ²²/₁₀₀ oz of Standard Silver Bullion (203,688.22 02); that there has been struck and delivered to the Treasurer four hundred and thirty four Dime Coins (\$40. The Coiner has only within a few days since struck some of the dimes but has not yet delivered any of them to the Treasurer. We received the first deposit in this B. Mint on the 8th day of March last and commenced the operations of Melting and Refining and Assaying the next day. On the 29th of June the Coiner made his first delivery of Coins to the Treasurer consisting of 30,000 dimes. The operations in this B. Mint were interrupted on the 1st day of August last and resumed the last of November and on the 28th and 29th of December the Coiner delivered to the Treasurer 35,000 Dimes.

In answer to your letter of the 7th ult. I have to inform you that I called on Mr. Gordon and informed him of the demand of Messrs. Bial & Greene, Proprietors of the Boston Morning Post. He told me he had paid it and forwarded the only Voucher he had taken to the Treasury Department. He showed me the Copy of his account in which it was set forth as the second item to his Credit

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To D. B. McCallister

Director

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(Mr. Stricklands being the first) I proposed to write to the Secy of the Treas^y and request a Copy of the Voucher to be sent to you. Mr. Gordon said he would do so himself, that he had written you to the same purpose long since, that he distinctly recollected the matter as it was the second Bill that he paid as Commissioner for the Building of this Branch Mint.

Mr. Tyler informs me that the dies he stands most in need of immediately are the Dime the half Dime and the other Eagle Dies. He has but one set of half Dime Dies in not worn out and one set of Dime Dies that will only a few days work. He expected the dies would be forwarded as soon as prepared for this Branch and as they often break and that it would be well that we could be abundantly supplied with dies of every denomination as soon as possible.

General Gaines has requested me to get you to send the dies for his Gold Medal to me, and to ascertain the value of the metal requisite for one of his Gold Medals. I wished him to write you himself and suggested that it might be requisite to have the authorization of the Secy of the Treas^y of the President on the matter — but he urged me to write for him and I shall regard your compliance with his request and any steps you may take to effect it as a very particular favor to me.

Mr. W. Nance is to pay the Capⁿ of the Octor as the passage money of his family to day \$115. The Capⁿ told him he would write his owners that he was paid &c. You will please inform me if this exonerates

you and if there is any thing further to be done by me for your interest I will attend to it with pleasure.

Your very humble servant
David Bradford
Superintendent

To
D^r R. M. Patterson
Director
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